A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa
to eliminate the limitation on fines for offenses which may be summarily tried without
indictment.

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is proposed:
Section 11, unnumbered paragraph 1, Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, is
amended to read as follows:

All offenses less than felony and in which the maximum permissible imprisonment for does not exceed thirty
days; shall be tried summarily before a justice of the peace, or other an officer authorized by
law, on information under oath, without indictment, or the intervention of a grand jury,
saving to the defendant the right of appeal; and no person shall be held to answer for any
higher criminal offense, unless on presentment or indictment by a grand jury, ex­
cept in cases arising in the army, or navy, or in the militia, when in actual service, in time of
war or public danger.

Sec. 2. The foregoing proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa,
having been adopted and agreed to by the Seventy-sixth General Assembly, 1996 Session,
thereafter duly published, and now adopted and agreed to by the Seventy-seventh General
Assembly in this Joint Resolution, shall be submitted to the people of the State of Iowa at the
general election in November of the year nineteen hundred ninety-eight in the manner
required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa.